



# Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Big Question #15, Bible Truth 3**

**The Case of the Copycats**



**"Hi! Welcome to Deep Down Detectives! We're so glad you've joined us. Detective Dan is going to help us dig deep down into God's Word, the Bible. Come on. Let's go!"**





Big Question  
Box Song

DEEP  
DOWN  
DETECTIVES



"Wow, look at this! It's Detective Dan's briefcase with a new case for us. It says, 'Why Do God's People Go to Church?' Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what's inside."



"Deep Down Detectives! This is your third of six missions in this Big Question. Look for your clue in my wallet. See if you can find the answer in God's Word. See you soon, Detective Dan!"



DEEP  
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Q: WHY DO GOD'S PEOPLE GO TO CHURCH?  
A: TO WORSHIP GOD AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER...  
BY CARING FOR EACH OTHER'S ????.

JOHN  
13:34-35

Hint: "Something we have to  
have. Starts with "N" and  
rhymes with "seeds."

The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "Why Do God's People Go to Church? To Worship God and Love One Another... By Caring for Each Other's ????. John 13:34-35." Hint: "Something we have to have. Starts with "N" and rhymes with "seeds."



**John 13:34-35**

**“Love one  
another:  
just as I  
have loved  
you...”**

**By this all  
people will  
know that  
you are my  
disciples.”**



A New  
Commandment  
John 13:34-35

The kids knew what to do next. They opened their Bible to John 13:34-35, and read: “Love one another: just as I have loved you... By this all people will know that you are my disciples.”





Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this third truth about why God's people go to church?" he asked. "We think so! When God's people gather together, they love one another, like Jesus loved them. They care for each other's needs."

A group of seven diverse children are holding a large yellow banner. From left to right: a boy with dark skin and black hair, a girl with dark skin and long black hair, a boy with dark skin, a brown cap, and a mustache, a girl with light skin and brown hair, a girl with dark skin and pigtails, and a girl with light skin and red hair. The boy on the far left is pointing towards the banner. The banner contains the following text:

Q: WHY DO GOD'S PEOPLE GO TO CHURCH?  
A: TO WORSHIP GOD AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER...  
BY CARING FOR EACH OTHER'S NEEDS.

A magnifying glass with a blue frame and a wooden handle. Inside the lens, the text "JOHN 13:34-35" is written in a blue, serif font.

JOHN  
13:34-35

"Our Big Question is: Why Do God's People Go to Church? And the answer is: To Worship God and Love One Another... By Caring for Each Other's NEEDS." "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 15  
Tell Me More  
Song



“Jesus told God’s people to love and take care of each other, just as He has loved and taken care of them. So, when God’s people gather together, that’s what they do. They help each other love God and live for Him. They pray for each other and remind each other of the truths in God’s Word. They care for each other’s needs. They share their money and care for the sick. We can become God’s people, too, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.”





Bible Chant  
Song

# "The Case of the Copycats"

John 13-15, 18-20; Acts



"Tell us a Bible story, Detective Dan. We want to dig deeper into God's Word."

"Sure, kids! I know just the story. It's called 'The Case of the Copycats.' Listen for who Jesus told His disciples to copy in the way they loved one another."



# "The Case of the Copycats" John 13-15, 18-20, Acts

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for  
older kids



## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

A copycat is a nickname for someone who tries to act like someone else.

1. Who were the people who tried to act like someone else?
2. And who was the someone they try to act like? Why?

## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

John 13:34, ESV

"Love one another: just as I have loved you."

1. What was Jesus' love for His people like?
2. Who wanted to obey Jesus' command to love one another as He had loved them? Who helped them do this?

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(more listening and discussion  
questions are included in the  
curriculum at [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org))

Something to Grow Into

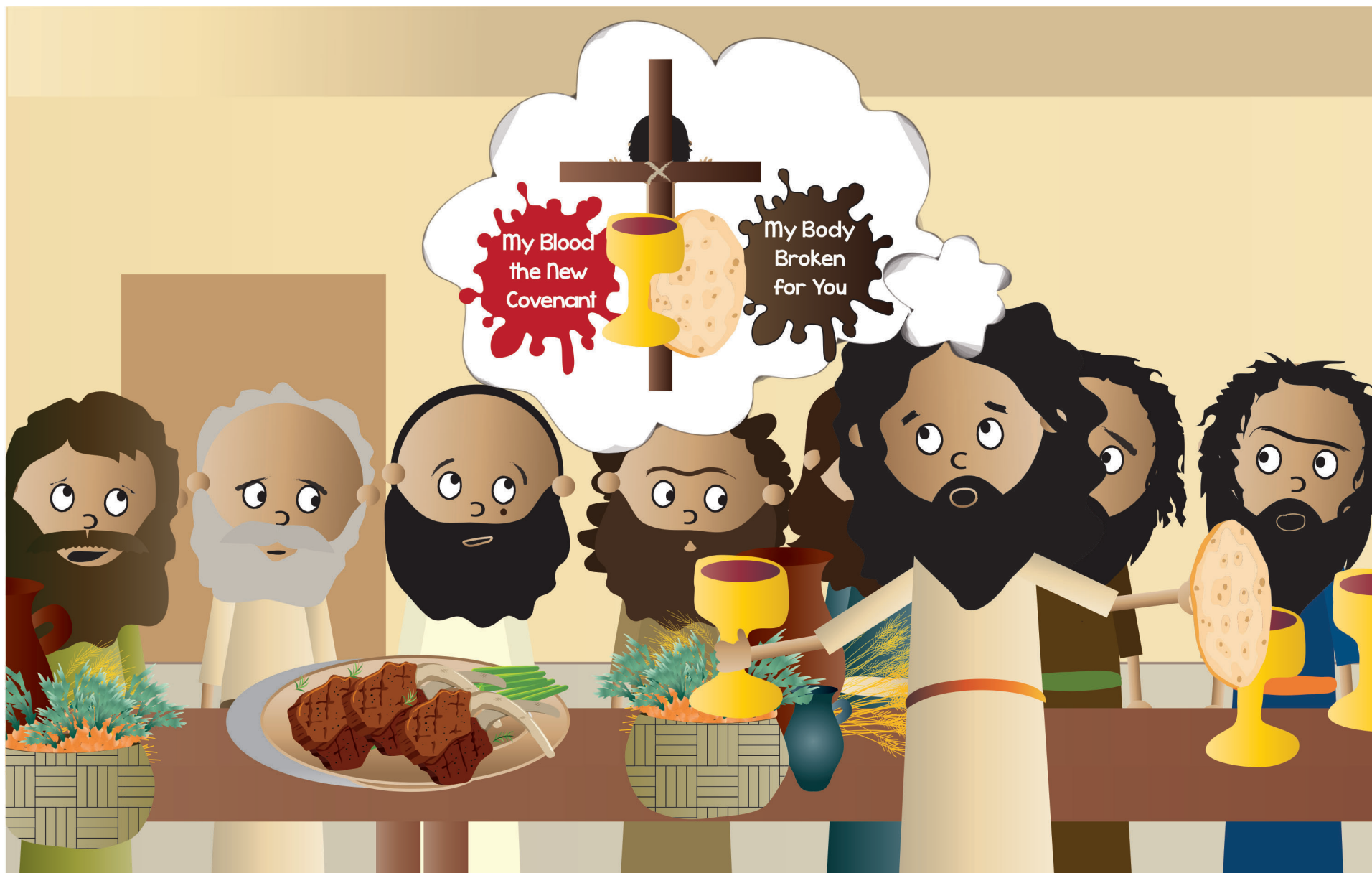


I. Jesus gathered his disciples for their last meal together. Soon, enemies would take Jesus away to die on the cross. With only a little time left, what did Jesus want His disciples to remember? How would He tell them? Jesus would use FEET and FOOD, there at the table, to teach them.



2. Jesus got up and began to wash His disciples' feet. They were horrified! Jesus was God's Son. He shouldn't use His holy, perfect life to clean their dirty, yucky feet! But Jesus just kept washing. This was a picture of what He would do on the cross to take away the sin from their hearts.





3. Then, Jesus took the Passover bread and wine and used them as two more pictures of what He was about to do on the cross. "This is My body, broken for you. This is My blood, poured out for you," He said, as He gave the bread and the wine to them.

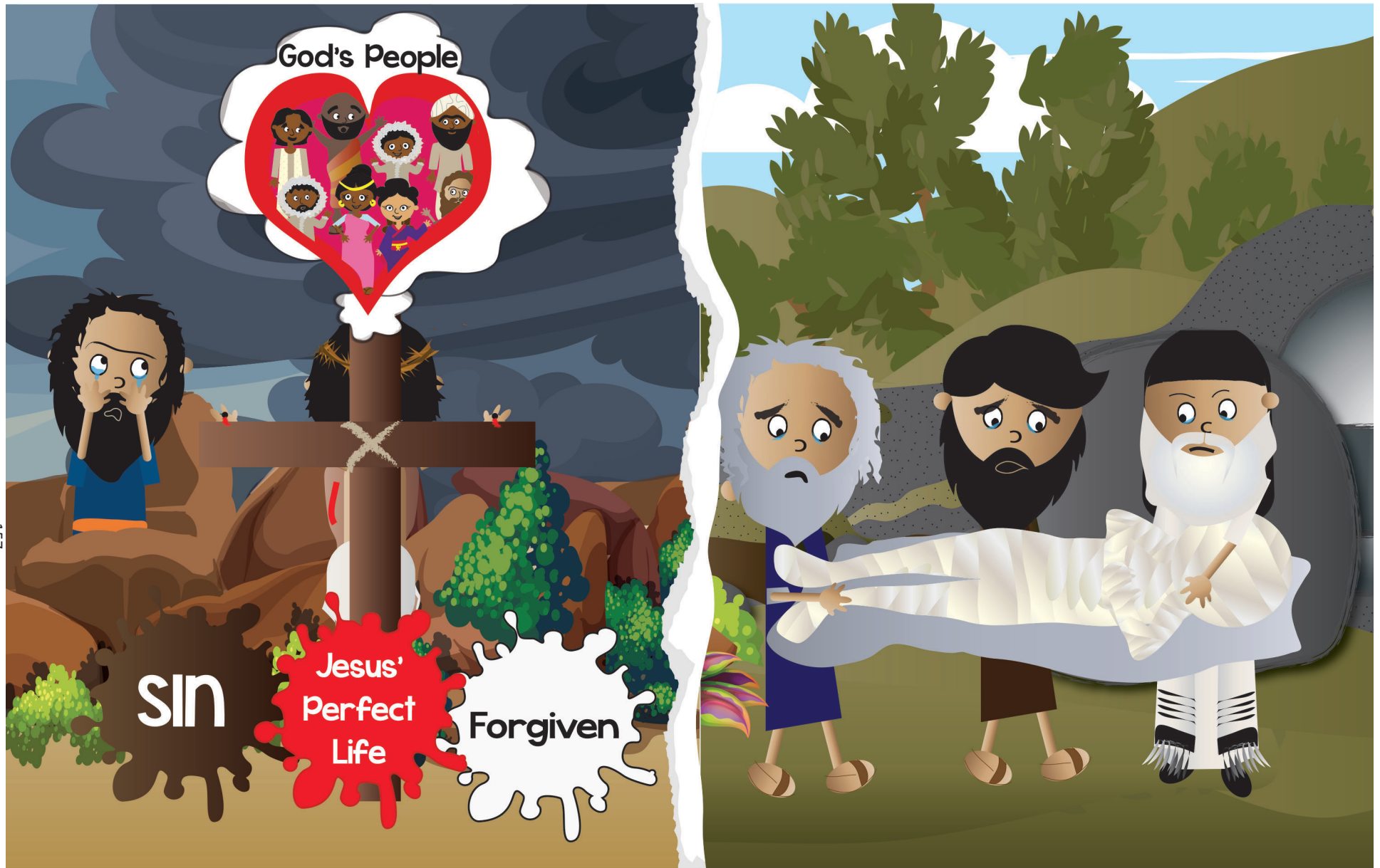


4. "I'm going to make the way for God's people to come to God," Jesus told His disciples. "But I'm not leaving you alone. The Holy Spirit will come live in your hearts. He'll help you do what God wants you to do," He promised. And what DID God want them to do? To live and love like Jesus!



5. "Do what I've taught you. Love one another as I have loved You," Jesus told them. I have loved you so much that I'm going to die for your sins. There's no greater love than that. Now, I want you to love each other that much, too. This is how people will know you're God's people, My disciples."





6. Soon, everything happened as Jesus said it would, both the sad and the happy. Enemies came and took Jesus. The next day, He suffered and died on the cross for the sins of God's people. Friends buried Him in a cave-grave.



7. But on happy Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He appeared to His disciples, then went to rule in heaven. Jesus was gone, but not His help. He sent the Holy Spirit to live in the hearts of His disciples. And with the Holy Spirit's help, they lived out what Jesus told them to do: LOVE!





8. "Love Me by obeying My commands. Love one another as I have loved you," Jesus had told His disciples. So, that's what they did. They loved by telling others the good news of Jesus, and thousands of people believed. The little church had grown to over 3000 people in just a few weeks!





## Lord's Supper

9. And they loved by gathering together to worship God. They sang His praises and learned from His Word. They prayed together and remembered Jesus' love in the Lord's Supper. They helped each other to keep on loving God and living for Him.



10. And, they loved by caring for each other's needs. They shared everything they had with one another—food, clothes, houses, money... **EVERYTHING!** And if anyone needed anything, they would sell their things and buy whatever else was needed.





II. What glad and giving hearts those believers had! How they loved God and one another! And as they loved, others noticed. "What you see in us is because of Jesus," they explained. "Come gather with us. Let us tell you about Jesus, and how you can become God's people, too."





12. Many years have passed, but Jesus' command to love is still the same. And as God's people love, others still notice. "What you see in us is because of Jesus," they explain. "Come gather with us. Let us tell you about Jesus, and how you can become God's people, too!"

# "The Case of the Copycats"

Q: "Who did Jesus tell His disciples to copy in the way they loved one another?"

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younger  
kids



**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD  
AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER...**

**By Caring for Each Other's Needs.**



A: "He told them to copy Him and love one another as He loved them."



# "The Case of the Copycats" John 13-15, 18-20; Acts

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## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

A copycat is a nickname for someone who tries to act like someone else.

1. Who were the people who tried to act like someone else? Jesus' followers, God's people.

2. And who was the someone they try to act like? Why? They tried to act like Jesus by how they loved God and loved each other.

For You and Me:

God's people want to love each other as Jesus has loved them. They love being a part of God's care for His people. And, when God's people love like Jesus, they help others see what God is like, and be a part of God's plan to tell them the good news of Jesus. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then He will work in our hearts and help us love God and love others, too.

# SOLVED

## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

John 13:34, ESV

"Love one another: just as I have loved you."

1. What was Jesus' love for His people like?

He chose to put their needs first. He loved them so much that He was willing to suffer and die in their place, for their sins. There is no greater love than this!

2. Who wanted to obey Jesus' command to love one another as He had loved them? Who helped them do this?

Jesus' followers did. The Holy Spirit living in their hearts helped them.

For You and Me:

God's people want to love each other as Jesus has loved them. They love being a part of God's care for His people. And, when God's people love like Jesus, they help others see what God is like, and be a part of God's plan to tell them the good news of Jesus. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then He will work in our hearts and help us love God and love others, too.

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## Something to Grow Into



Why Do God's People Go to Church?  
To Worship God and Love One Another...  
By Caring for Each Other's Needs!

# The Gospel



God's people love to tell others the good news of Jesus. Why? Because the greatest need we all have is for God to forgive their sins! You see, we all have chosen to disobey God. We deserve His punishment, not His love or to be His people.

But God, in His great mercy, sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Jesus lived a perfect life. Then, on the cross, He gave up His life as the full payment for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the grave. He had beaten sin and death for God's people! Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior are forgiven. This is how we become God's people. Ask God to help you do this. He loves to answer this prayer!

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Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into



**“God’s people gather to worship God. Let’s pray to Him now.”**

## **A Prayer**

**We praise You, God, for loving us so much that You would send Jesus to die on the cross and be our Savior. That is our greatest need.**

**Thank You for using Your people to care for each other’s needs and to show others about Jesus when they love one another.**

**Work in our hearts. Help us to love like Jesus. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in You as our Savior that we might be your people.**



ACTS Prayer Song





## Something to Grow Into

# A Prayer

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**A** We praise You, God, for being the Savior of Your people, the Church. We praise You for Your kindness and love shown through Your people caring for each other.

**C** God, sometimes we don't want to go to church and care for the needs of others. Sometimes we just want to take care of our own needs. We need a Savior!

**T** Thank You, God, for giving Your people to each other to care for their needs. Thank You for all the people in church who care for our needs.

**S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Make us Your people! Help us to care for others when we gather at church.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song



A= Adoration (God, we praise You!) C=Confession (God, forgive us!) T= Thanksgiving (Thank You, God!) S=Supplication (Make us like Jesus!)





"Deep Down Detectives, it's almost time for me to go. But first, let's celebrate what we've learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let's get bouncy!"

## Big Q & A #15

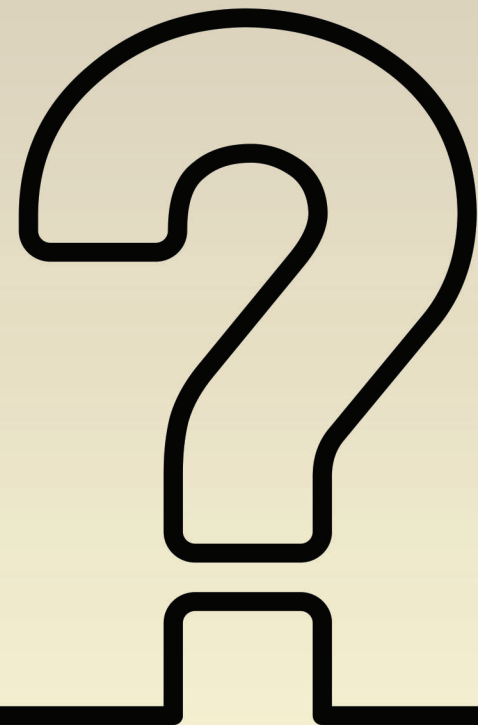
### Simple Song

Why do God's people go to church?

Go to church? Go to church?

Why do God's people go to church?

To worship God and to love one another!



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Kids! Let's sing the Big Question and Answer Detective Dan taught us today.

## Big Question #15 Tell Me More Song Why Do God's People Go to Church?

### Refrain

Why do God's people go to church?  
To worship God and love one another.  
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To worship God and love one another.

### Verse 1

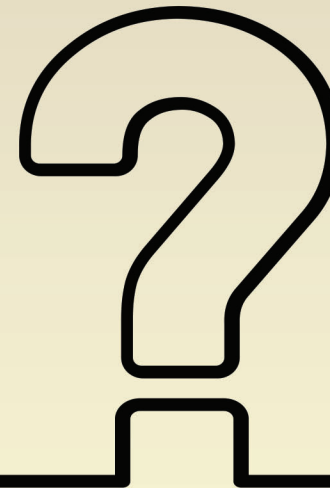
God's people gather to worship God.  
To sing His praises and pray.  
They listen to preaching,  
From God's Word, the Bible,  
To better love Him each day.

### Refrain

### Verse 2

God's people gather to love one another,  
In acts of kindness and grace.  
They love one another,  
Like sisters and brothers,  
Helping all to live God's way.

### Refrain



Here's a song to help us dig even deeper into our Big Question.



Big Question #15, Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse Song:

A New Commandment: John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you,

A new commandment I give to you,

Love one another!

Love one another!

Love one another!

By this all will know that you are My disciples,

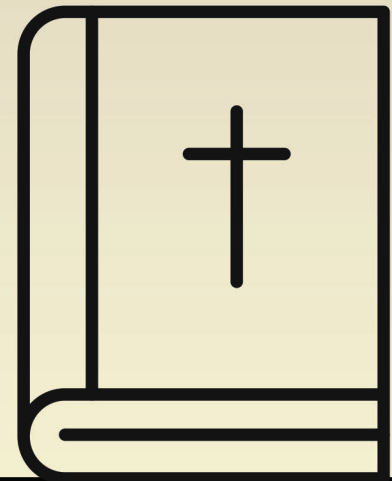
By this all will know that you are My disciples,

Love one another!

Love one another!

Love one another!

John Thirteen, thirty-four and thirty-five.



"Let's hide God's Word in our hearts! Let's sing our Bible verse!"

## Big Question #15 Hymn

### Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

#### Verse 1

Brethren, we have met to worship,  
And adore the Lord, our God.  
Will you pray with all your power,  
While we try to preach the Word?

## Big Question #15 Praise Song

### Praise the Lord Together

Praise the Lord together saying:

"Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!"

Praise the Lord together saying:

"Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!" repeat

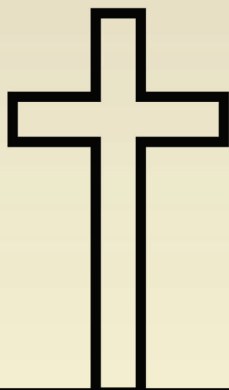


"Let's praise the Lord for loving people like us more than we could ever deserve!"

## The Gospel Song (Short)

We've all disobeyed God's good ways,  
But God sent His Son to save,  
All who turn back to Him, and pray:  
"Jesus, be my Savior,  
Take all my sins away."

This is the gospel,  
This is God's good news:  
Jesus died on the cross,  
Then on the 3rd day...  
He rose from the dead.  
Ask Him to be your Savior, too.  
Ask Him to be your Savior, too!



## The Gospel Song (Full)

Refrain:

What is the gospel? G-O-S-P-E-L?  
What is the gospel? Can anybody tell me?  
What is the gospel? Yes, I know what it is!  
Salvation through faith in Christ,  
That's what the gospel is.

"G" is for God, our good King and Creator,  
"O", we should obey Him,  
but instead we're disobeyers,  
So "S", we need a Savior to save us from our sins,  
That Savior is Jesus, who "P" took the punishment.  
Yes, Jesus died upon the cross, the perfect sacrifice,  
Then on Day Three, He rose again  
To prove He'd won the fight,  
And now "E" everyone who repents & believes in Him,  
He gives "E-L" eternal life: forever life with Him.

"Let's sing about the gospel: God's best good news that we can become His people through Jesus."



### Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

We're Deep Down Detectives,  
diggin' deep in God's Word,  
For truths about God and His  
plans for this world,  
We're seeking to love Him, with  
all of our heart,  
We're Deep Down Detectives!  
Come on! Let's start!



### Bible Chant Song

The Bible, the Bible,  
Let's get out the Bible.  
Let's hear what God has to say.  
The Bible, the Bible,  
God's given us the Bible.  
It's His Word for us to learn and obey! Yay!



### Classroom Rules Song

Shh, be quiet while someone is talking,  
Raise your hand,  
if you have something to say,  
Don't touch your friend,  
sitting beside you,  
Obey your teachers,  
Be kind as you play.  
These are our classroom rules,  
These are our classroom rules,  
They help us worship God  
and love one another,  
These are our classroom rules.



### ACTS Prayer Song

A, Adoration: God, we praise You!  
C, Confession: Forgive us our sins.  
T, Thanksgiving: Thank You for Jesus,  
S, Supplication: Help us to live like Him. (repeat)

That's the ACTS prayer, my friend,  
Bow head, Close your eyes,  
Shhh, Let's begin.

